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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Date: November 9, 1994

FROM:

GERALD W. MINNIS COMMANDER TO: PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

AND TRAINING DIVISION

ARTHUR E. HERRERA, CAPTAIN

CENTURY STATION

SUBJECT:

FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
-- HIT SHOOTING, FEBRUARY 27, 1994, PSTD # 007033

The purpose of this memo is to notify you of the review committee's findings and recommendations concerning the hit shooting incident which occurred on February 27, 1994.

The committee recommends that you hold a training discussion with Deputy and Deputy Jones concerning the importance of waiting for back-up and the risks of pursuing an armed suspect into a residence.

Accompanying this memo is the original PSTD Response Team package which contains the IAB and Training Bureau reports. Please evaluate the included material and complete and sign the enclosed form documenting your recommendations and actions. The package should be forwarded to your division chief within 30 days.

GWM:jph

COUNTY LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DE RTMENT INCIDENT DATA

Call X Ot	oservation	Search Warrant	Arrest Warrant	
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LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE				
East 61st Street	t, Los Angeles			
TYPE OF LOCATION	_			
Residence X	Business	Industrial	Parking Lot	
Street	Backyard	Freeway	Rural	
Other				
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SHOOTING CONDITIONS		T =		
2-27-94	TIME 1940 hours	DAY		
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LIGHTING		WEATHER		
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CONTRIBUTING FACTORS			 	
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CLASSIFICATION

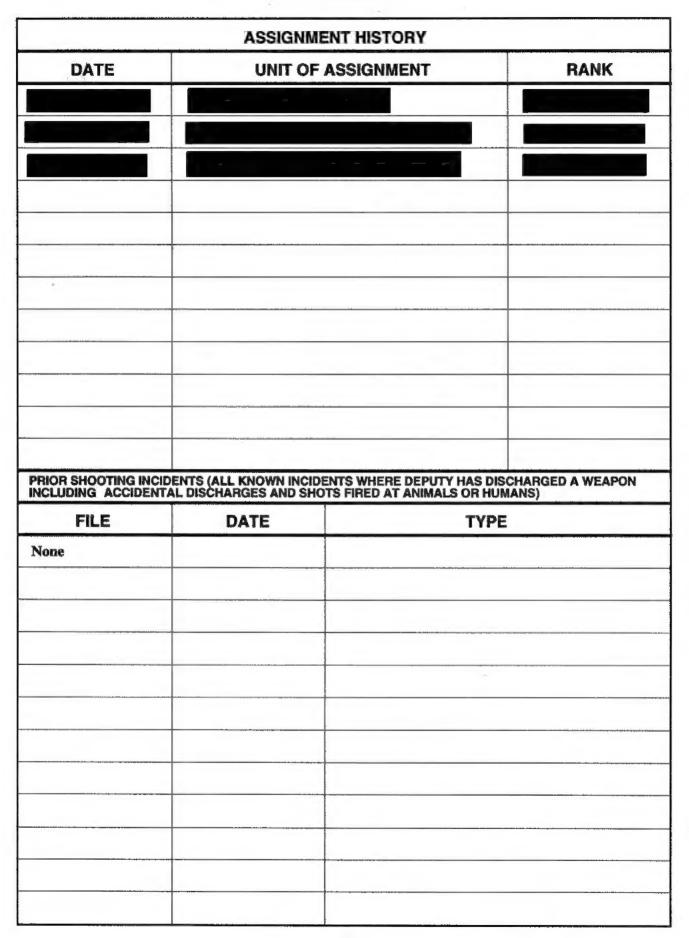
ACCIDENTAL:	No
GUN TAKE-AWAY:	No
PERSON(S) ARMED:	Yes
PERSON(S) UNARMED:	No
STARTLE:	No
UNINTENTIONAL:	No
DEPUTY IN UNIFORM:	X RAID JACKET: PLAIN CLOTHES:
VEST WORN:	Yes
FOOT PURSUIT:	Yes
VEHICLE PURSUIT:	No
MOVING VEHICLE:	No
VEHICLE STOP:	No
TYPE OF HOLSTER:	Department Issued
GUN IN HOLSTER:	No
STRUGGLE INVOLVED:	Yes
ADDITIONAL FACTS AND See Investigative Summary	INFORMATION:

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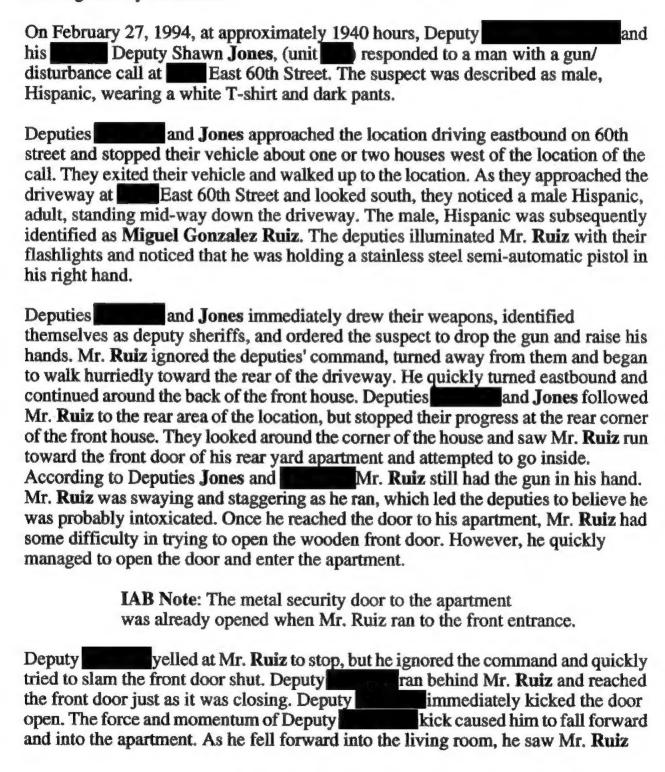
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SUSPECT/SUBJECT

LAST NAME	1101		FIRST NAME			1
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ADDRESS			migue			U .
ADDITEGO						
SEX: Male	RACE Hispanic	HEIGHT 5-5	WEIGHT 178	D.O.B. 8-12-39	AGE 54	DECEASED Yes
INJURED	DESCRIPTION	OF INJURIES				
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Yes			10 mm,	automatic pisto	ı	
NUMBER OF	SHOTS FIRED BY SUSP	ECT	NUMBER OF None	HITS		
SUSPECT VEI	HICLE		_			
SUMMARY OF See Inves	Stigative Summary					

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

The information contained in this summary is based upon the reports, memos, teletypes, and photographs of physical evidence taken from the scene of this incident. It also contains information verbally relayed to Internal Affairs investigators by witnesses.



stumbling back away from the door. Mr. Ruiz was holding the gun in his right hand and at waist level. The gun was pointed directly at Deputy and less than 12 inches away from him. Believing he was about to be shot, Deputy raised his Beretta pistol and fired two quick shots at Mr. Ruiz as he was falling forward. The gunshots apparently struck Ruiz in the chest area. After firing the shots, Deputy was immediately able to re-gain his balance and avoided falling to the floor.
Deputy Jones, who by now was standing inside the doorway, also feared that Deputy was about to be shot by Mr. Ruiz. He immediately fired two shots from his Beretta pistol, which apparently struck Mr. Ruiz in the upper torso. Within seconds of being shot, Mr. Ruiz fell onto a nearby couch and then to the floor. He was bleeding profusely and still holding the pistol in his hand, but loosening his grip. Mr. Ruiz suddenly lowered his hand and dropped the pistol to the floor. Deputy immediately picked up the pistol and backed out of the front door to seek cover. He later cleared the pistol and noted it contained one live round in the chamber and two live rounds in a magazine that was attached to the pistol.
John Laurie interviewed Mr. MH/35, who lives at an unknown address on in the mand Mr. MH/26, who resides at mere standing in the rear of the driveway when Deputies and Jones followed Mr. Ruiz into his apartment. In separate and individual interviews, Mr. Mr. Ruiz entered his apartment ahead of the deputies, he was not holding his stainless steel semi-automatic pistol in his right hand, but instead, the pistol was inside his (Ruiz') waistband in the center of his back.
Deputies and Jones then focused their attention to the presence of two female adults and a male adult, who were inside the apartment at the time of the shooting. They were later identified as Mr. Ruiz' FH/41, his FH/19, and her MH/18. IAB Note: When Mr. Ruiz initially attempted to flee from them, Deputy and Jones did not know if Ruiz was running into an occupied or unoccupied residence or if, in fact, he lived at the location. After the apartment was checked and cleared for additional suspects or witnesses, Deputies and Jones eventually realized that Mr. Ruiz resided at the location.

transported to Martin Luther King Jr.-Drew Medical Center where he was subsequently pronounced dead at 2046 hours as a result of his gunshot wounds. Internal Affairs investigators conducted separate interviews with Mr. Ruiz' and Mr. The following statements are excerpts of their respective interviews: said that she was sitting on the couch closest to the door watching television when her entered the house. She said he didn't say anything and sat down on the love seat next to the door. She said the deputies followed her about one to two minutes after he was seated. She said the deputies hit the door very hard and it opened quickly. She turned toward the loud noise of the door opening and suddenly saw a deputy shooting at her She said she did not notice where her was at this time. said she was very frightened and surprised when the deputies hit the door very hard and entered the house. She said her also looked surprised, but he remained seated. Mrs. said she knew that her had purchased a gun about two weeks prior to this incident, but she did not see him with the gun when he came inside the house or at anytime during this entire incident. Mrs. said the deputies shot her either two or three times. She said the deputies kicked the door, entered the house, and immediately shot him. She said her hands were raised at the time he was shot. She didn't know if he was surprised by the deputies' presence or because the deputies told him to raise his hand. However, she did not specifically recall if the deputies told her the to raise his hands. Mrs. said after her was shot he slid off the sofa with one hand raised and the other was on his chest. She said without provocation, the deputies shot him again. She said ran to her and pleaded with the deputies not to shoot him anymore and the deputies fired again. She said the deputies fired one shot and then a half a minute to a minute later they fired a second shot.

Mr. Ruiz was administered first aid by paramedics from Engine Company 9 and

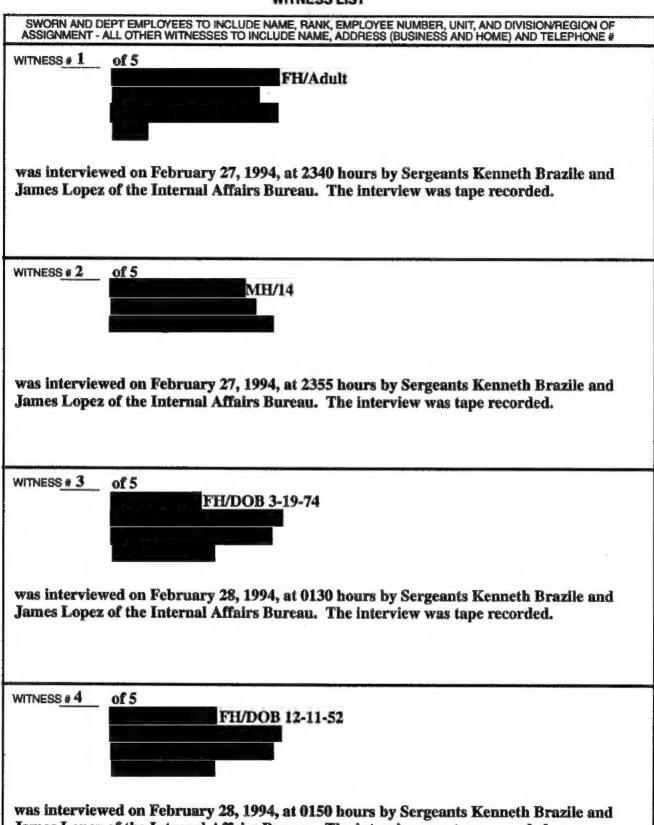
said she was sitting in her living room and ran to the kitchen when she heard the sound of her trying to get into the house. When she reached the kitchen, she heard the front door slam open. She said when her tran into the house, the two deputies entered directly behind him and pushed him into the living room wall mirror, near the love seat. She said suddenly and without provocation, a deputy shot her twice in the chest. He fell to his side onto the sofa. She said she ran into the living room screaming and pleading with the deputies not to shoot her anymore. She said the other deputy (Jones), ignored her pleas and fired two more shots at her the last as he lay wounded on the sofa. She said her fell to the floor as her who was sitting on the sofa, ran to his side and began crying and
asking him if he was okay.
said her did did not have his pistol in his right hand when the deputies shot him. She said the gun was inside his belt in the center of his back.
said her had the pistol in his possession because prior to the shooting incident with the deputies, he was involved in an argument with two Hispanic males, who had parked their vehicle blocking the driveway to their house. She said he took the gun outside when he went to confront the two males.
reiterated that when the deputies shot her he was not holding the gun because it was always inside his back
waistband. She stated that the deputies began shooting at her as soon as they entered the house.
said that earlier in the evening he and had returned home after running an errand for Mrs. When they returned to the house, Mr. Ruiz witnessed a confrontation he had in front of their house with a person identified as whose vehicle was parked blocking their driveway. Mr. said that Mr. Ruiz walked over and intervened in the argument. He said Mr. Ruiz told him and to go inside the house. He said Mr. Ruiz then began to argue with and another unidentified individual.
Mr. said that he and went inside the house and sat in the kitchen. Several minutes later, Mr. Ruiz came into the house and went to the bedroom to get his pistol, but saw that it

and took a box out of the refrigerator and began loading the magazines. was in the living room watching television and they told Mr. Ruiz not to go outside with the gun. However, Mr. Ruiz ignored them and walked outside with the gun.
Mr. said about three or four minutes later, he was in the kitchen with and they heard the sound of someone running and the loud noise of the door slamming open. He said that within seconds, he heard two gunshots and saw run over to her yelling and screaming. He immediately ran after her and then he heard a third gunshot just before he grabbed He said was screaming and pleading with the deputies not to shoot her anymore. He said the deputies did not shoot him again after she pleaded with them.
Mr. Ruiz went outside with the pistol, it was not loaded because he had taken the magazines and hid them in the bedroom when Mr. Ruiz was not looking. He speculated that the deputies later found another magazine and probably loaded the pistol. He said when Mr. Ruiz entered the house, he didn't know what he (Ruiz) had done with his pistol because there was no gun in his hand.
Mr. said he did not know why the deputies shot Mr. Ruiz. He later admitted that he did not see Mr. Ruiz when he entered the house.
airs investigators also contacted the residents of the house in front of Mr. ment. The following are excerpts of their interviews:
FH/31, lives in the and was the on the "man with a gun/disturbance" call. She said that prior to the deputies arrival, Mr. Ruiz had engaged in an argument with two other Hispanic males in a black Camaro, who had been bothering his She said Mr. Ruiz went to his residence, got a gun and confronted the two males. When she saw Mr. Ruiz holding the gun, she dialed 911 and reported the incident.
Mrs. said when the deputies drove to the location, eastbound on 61st Street, she did not know where Mr. Ruiz was. She said that shortly after the deputies arrived, she heard the sound of four gunshots.

MH/14, is the was inside the living room of the when he saw the sheriff patrol car approaching eastbound on 60th Street from Central Avenue. He said Mr. Ruiz walked from across the street southbound through the driveway towards his apartment. He said when Mr. Ruiz noticed the patrol car, he began to walk at a faster pace towards his house and placed the gun in his back pants pocket. Seconds later, he saw two deputies with their guns drawn and held at their sides run past his kitchen window. He said he briefly loss sight of everyone then heard a deputy yell, "Put you hands on back of your head." Moments later, he heard a single gunshot and then two more gunshots and a female screaming.

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WITNESS LIST



James Lopez of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was tape recorded.

THIS LIST ONLY CONTAINS THOSE WITNESSES PERSONALLY INTERVIEWED BY I.A.B. INVESTIGATORS. SEE ATTACHED REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL WITNESSES.

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WITNESS LIST

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